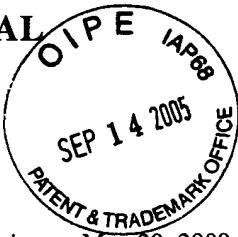


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REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	10/006,568
Confirmation Number	3469
Filing Date	December 10, 2001
First Named Inventor	Koichi HAGIWARA
Group Art Unit	3752
Examiner Name	Christopher S. Kim
Matter Number	Q67594
Title	CLEANING AND RELEASING DEVICE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 11, 2005
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- Other _____

b. Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- Petition for Extension of Time
- Other _____

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2. MISCELLANEOUS

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months
- Other _____

3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$790.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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Signature Jeffrey A. Schmidt Date September 14, 2005